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## Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Title: DEVICES, COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS INCORPORATING ADHESIVES WHOSE PERFORMANCE IS ENHANCED BY ORGANOPHILIC CLAY CONSTITUENTS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a.  Previously submitted
    - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 26, 2004 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
    - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed
    - i.  Amendment/Reply
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
    - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
2.  A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

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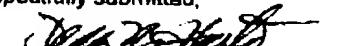
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i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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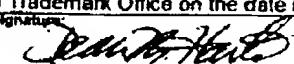
  
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